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Sunday, 24th December, 2023

This week at the Cathedral: Year: B (II)

Sun. 24th Dec. 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
17:30 (Sat.) Vigil Mass: John Hurley (RIP)(Anniv.)
09:30 Sun. Mass: **(with Children's Liturgy)** - Delia & John Ahern (RIP) (Anniv.)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

17:30 **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS**
Chief Celebrant: Rev. Archbishop Mark O'Toole, Archbishop of Cardiff, Bishop of Menevia.

23:30 **MIDNIGHT MASS**

Mon. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
09:30 Mass:

Tues. 26th St. Stephen, Martyr (Feast)
09:30 CRYPT Mass:

Weds. 27th St. John, Apostle, Evangelist (Feast)
09:15 CRYPT Mass: Jean & Bernard Davies (RIP)

Thurs. 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)
NO PUBLIC MASS

Fri. 29th 5th Day of Octave of Christmas
09:15 CRYPT **NO PUBLIC MASS**

Sat. 30th 6th Day of Octave of Christmas
NO MORNING MASS

17:30 (Sat.) Vigil Mass: Thanksgiving (Jonatan & Corina)

Sunday 31st HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY
08:00 Sun. Mass: Piotr & Nancy Skubala (RIP)
10:00 Mass **(with Children's Liturgy)** - People of the Parish

2024
Mon. 1st Jan. MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Solemnity)
09:30 Mass:

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

"We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation."

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother. To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them.
Amen.

Pray for them

Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Lee Ellery, Taylor Mai, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Gary Lewis, Bernard Kenealy, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Christopher Browne, Helena Hughes, Margaret Pitson, Brian Thomas, Lynda Rees, Candida Felicio, Nora Kennedy, Patrick (Paddy) Colclough, Eileen Morgan and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

ANNIVERSARIES: Florence Josephine Swinhoe, Daniel John Hurley, Sr. Lucy Hennessey U.J., Catherine (Kitty) Screen, John Ahern, William Docherty; Johanna (Joan) Colclough; Audrey Garrett; Josephine Spellward.



Sanctuary Light

1. MLP (Sick)
2. Ellen & Ernest Jones & Deceased Members of the Jones Family.



NOTICE

PARISH CAROL SERVICE – Grateful thanks to those who supported our Parish Carol Service. New choir members will be made very welcome. We especially need male voices to swell the ranks. There's no age restriction, please just speak to one of the choir members if you're interested.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Deceased): Piotr & Nancy Skubala; Len Llewellyn (Anniv.) May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Other): Thanksgiving (Yonatan & Corina).

SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS: *Ellen & Ernest Jones & Deceased Members of the Jones Family.*

REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS: Please be aware, if you want to book Anniversary and Birthday Masses, particularly at weekends, you need to do so at the earliest possible time . . . not wait until one or two weeks before. Owing to high demand, requests for weekend Mass Intentions are allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Mass intentions may be scheduled for the 5:30 p.m. and 08:00 a.m. only. **NO MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE 10:00 a.m. MASS** unless it is for an Anniversary that actually falls on that particular Sunday. *Canon Benedict.*

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: Our new contactless terminal is in the porch. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

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GIFT AID YOUR DONATION – whatever method you choose, if you are a taxpayer, please opt into the **GIFT AID** scheme. It increases your donation by 25%, It means, that **at no extra cost to yourself, the Church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. GIFT AID (GAD) FORMS are available in the porch. If anyone needs help filling out the form, please see Mary Clare who may assist. Thank you.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: Christmas & Easter offerings are the parishioners' opportunity to thank their Priest for service during the year. Envelopes at the back of the church. You can also use the Contactless Giving Point, using your Credit/Debit card. Select "Other Amount" from the on-screen menu of the "Dona" contactless terminal, tap "Christmas Offering".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 – Classes will resume in the new year. Date to follow.

RCIA: Meetings will resume in the new year. Date to be agreed.

LECTIO DIVINA: The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 4th January in the Library of Clergy House.

HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Entrance: 112; Offertory: 603; Communion: 627;

Recessional: 113

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Loose plate: £655.05

Electronic plate: } These figures will be posted on a
Standing orders: } Quarterly basis.

The response to . . .

"Living God: . . ." is

"let your kingdom come."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: For this weekend only, Childrens' Liturgy will take place at the Sunday 9:30 Mass. This is for children between the ages of 0-6 years.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Many thanks to everyone who bought Raffle Tickets. The total raised was £147. All of the prizes have been claimed.

MESSAGE FROM SR. NORA MARY . . .

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for your prayers and your very many "Get Well" messages following my recent surgery. I am happy to report that I am making great strides in my recovery. Hopefully, I will soon be back with you all full-time once more. In the meantime, although I will be staying in Stella Maris while I regain full mobility, God willing I will be joining the choir for the Christmas Vigil Mass. I shall look forward to seeing you all again then. Wishing you all a very blessed and holy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Sr. Nora Mary.

I wish you all a very happy
and holy Christmas
filled with the
love, joy, and peace
of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Canon Benedict